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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 718 West Adams Street

CITY TOWN

Chicago

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7th

STATE

Illinois

CODE
17

COUNTY

Cook

CODE

031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Archdiocese of Chicago

STREET & NUMBER

211 East Chicago Avenue

CITY TOWN

Chicago

VICINITY OF

Illinois STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Cook County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

118 North Clark Street

CITY TOWN

Chicago

Illinois STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> _GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> _RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> _MOVED DATE_____
<input type="checkbox"/> _FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Patrick's Church is located on the northwest corner of Adams and Desplaines Streets, on the near west side of Chicago. It is built on a rectangular plan of 70 x 170 feet without transepts but having a choir and apse projecting from the western end. This reverse orientation places the entrance on Desplaines Street.

The foundations of Lemont limestone are carried about five feet above grade as basement walls. Supported by this substructure are solid brick walls which rise at the sides and rear to arched corbel-tables. The latter also appear on the front, though there, they respond to the slope of the gable of the roof.

Several levels of relief mark the side walls where projecting buttresses alternate with tall narrow round-headed windows. On the front, the center is brought forward between two brick buttresses thus dividing that facade into three parts. Each has a door with window above it. A full-width flight of stone stairs rises from the sidewalk to these doors.

At the corners of the front are octagonal towers with pilasters on the corners that are joined and returned by arches at the top of each tower. The top of the south tower has been rebuilt and a tall belfry and spire added at a later date. An abbreviated belfry and octagonal dome, also added late, terminates the north tower. The top of the front wall has also been rebuilt and the gable made rectangular.

Beneath the nave is a full basement. The nave itself, whose decorations may date from a remodeling of 1884, has a flat ceiling. The stained glass is said to be by Thomas O'Shaughnessy, but their date is uncertain.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION					

SPECIFIC DATES 1854-1856 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Carter and Bauer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Patrick's Church is the oldest church still standing in Chicago. As the church that served the original Irish parish in a city where the Irish remain an important force in the community, the church is very important as a living reminder of Chicago's Irish heritage. It is also significant as a rare example of the early Romanesque style in the Midwest and as an early work of the second architect to practice in Chicago.

History

St. Patrick's church was begun in 1854 and completed, except for the upper stages of its towers, in 1856. The architects were Carter and Bauer, the masons were Heald and Waterhouse, and the carpenter was W.E. Dunn. Its cost was \$35,000. It is the oldest church building in the city of Chicago.

The parish was established in 1846 to serve English-speaking immigrants, largely Irish. In 1850 the congregation purchased the land at the corner of Des Plaines and Adams Streets. Built in an impure mid-century Romanesque style, the church is one of the few examples of that style in the Midwest. Its architects were Asher Carter (1805-1877) and Augustus Bauer (1827-1894). Carter was the second architect, after Van Osdel, to practice in Chicago, settling there in 1840. He took the German-born Bauer into partnership late in 1853. The firm of Carter and Drake, and then Carter, Drake, and ~~Wright~~ were responsible for many important Chicago buildings erected in the 1850's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B _____
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME TITLE

John M. Wilkinson and Paul E. Sprague June 1, 1976

ORGANIZATION

University of Illinois

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Chicago Circle Campus

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chicago

STATE

Illinois

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL

STATE _____

LOCAL _____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89 665) :
hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the
criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John M. Wilkinson

TITLE

Director, Illinois Department of Conservation

DATE

1-27-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER